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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2001.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This action is in response to the application filed on 27 December 2001.
2. Claims 1-16 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eder (US 2001/0034628 A1).

Examiner's Note: The Examiner has pointed out particular references contained in the prior art of record within the body of this action for the convenience of the Applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply. Applicant, in preparing the response, should consider fully the entire reference as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 12:

Eder, as shown, clearly discloses the following limitations:

- *generating a series of web page tables whose contents include a plurality of finance-related questions and corresponding input fields* (see at least Figures 5a and 5b and associated text; paragraph 0053);
- *computing forecast financial data according to the entered data in the input fields and predetermined formulae* (see at least Figure 1; paragraphs 0026, 0029, 0058, 0068);
- *obtaining analysis opinions corresponding to the forecast financial data and the data in the input fields according to a system database* (see at least Figure 1; paragraphs 0026, 0029, 0058, 0068); and
- *generating a plan report in web page format, the plan report including at least the analysis opinions* (see at least paragraph 0030).

Eder does not specifically disclose web-based formatting or content. However, as shown in at least Figures 5a and 5b, Eder does disclose the Internet as an integral part of the system, essentially disclosing online content such as web pages and web site format. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include web-based data input tables and a reports formatted in HTML for use in a web page because the Internet provides a cost-effective and user-friendly environment for disseminating information.

Claims 2 and 14:

Eder discloses entering data as shown in the rejections of claims 1 and 12 above. Eder does not specifically disclose that *the data entered in the input fields include text data and numerical data*. However, the Examiner takes Official Notice that it is old and well-known in the computer arts to input text and numerical data, such as is found on a keyboard.

Claims 3, 9, and 13:

Eder discloses the forecast financial data as shown in the rejections of claims 1 and 12 above. Eder does not specifically disclose a *net present value (NPV)*, an *internal reward rate (IRR)*, a *profit return period*, a *debt-to-asset ratio*, a *liquid ratio*, and *collecting bills*. However, the Examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well-known in the accountings arts that these ratios and indicators are commonly used to indicate relative strength and signify the financial condition of the organization.

Claim 4:

With regard to the limitations of *the system database stores financial reference data include current assets, current liabilities, and the corresponding analysis opinions*, Eder discloses databases as shown above, inherently disclosing storing information on a database.

Claims 5, 10, and 15:

Eder discloses the forecast financial data and report as shown in the rejections of claims 1 and 12 above. Eder does not specifically disclose *the data in the plan report include the forecast financial data and financial reference data*. However, the Examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well-known in the accounting arts to prepare reports featuring relevant historical information alongside forecasts and projection for the purposes of comparing and judging current financial conditions.

Claims 6, 11, and 16:

Eder discloses the forecast financial data and report as shown in the rejections of claims 1 and 12 above. Eder does not specifically disclose *the text data in the plan report include the text data provided by the system database*. However, the Examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well-known in the accounting arts to prepare reports featuring relevant historical

information alongside forecasts and projection for the purposes of comparing and judging current financial conditions.

Claim 7:

Eder, as shown, clearly discloses the following limitations:

- *a system database, which stores financial reference data and corresponding analysis opinions* (see at least Figure 1; paragraphs 0026, 0029, 0058, 0068);
- *a planning server, which provides a plurality of finance-related questions and corresponding input fields on the web page tables and responds to a forecast procedure request from the terminal computer* (see at least Figures 1, 5a, and 5b, and associated text);
- *generating a series of web page tables whose contents include a plurality of finance-related questions and corresponding input fields* (see at least Figures 5a and 5b and associated text; paragraph 0053);
- *computing forecast financial data according to the entered data in the input fields and predetermined formulae* (see at least Figure 1; paragraphs 0026, 0029, 0058, 0068);
- *obtaining analysis opinions corresponding to the forecast financial data and the data in the input fields according to a system database* (see at least Figure 1; paragraphs 0026, 0029, 0058, 0068); and
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Claim 8:

With regard to the limitation of *the planning server executes a program to complete the forecast procedure*, it is obvious that a computer executes the programmed procedure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **James A. Reagan** whose telephone number is **(703) 306-9131**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **James Trammell** can be reached at (703) 305-9768.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **Receptionist** whose telephone number is **(703) 305-3900**. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://portal.uspto.gov/external/portal/pair>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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